

**WELCOME TO THE WELL** - Whether you're just visiting or looking to stay, it is great to have you with us. During your time here please swing by the Connection table to pick up a gift, a message by Fr. Anthony and information about STSA and how to get connected into the church community.

**KIDZ AT THE WELL** - Our aim is to make this time the best hour of your child's week and the most helpful hour of yours. We invite you to visit our kids programs (18 months through high school) on the third floor to find out more. Check in for children 18 months – 5<sup>th</sup> grade is located next to the coffee tables.

**THE THIRD FLOOR** – The Third Floor is an opportunity for jr. and high school students to grow in their relationship with the Lord and build Christ-centered friendships. This group meets...you guessed it... on the third floor during the Well from 11:30am-12:30pm.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**NEW TO ORTHODOXY?** Stop by the connection table and ask for our "What is the Orthodox Church" CD, a message from Fr. Anthony.

**THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON** – Everyone is invited to our Thanksgiving potluck luncheon on December 1<sup>st</sup> right after the liturgy. Sign up at the Connection table!

**LEISURE GROUPS:** Sign up to attend these upcoming activities at the Connection table or on mySTSA.com. Country line dancing, running group, ladies book club, guys movie night.

**WEEKEND TO REMEMBER:** Family Life Today's marriage conference is coming to Lansdowne Resort in Leesburg, Nov. 22-24. Use the promotional code STSA for a 50% registration discount. [Familylife.com](http://Familylife.com)

#### **CONNECTION WITH US ONLINE:**

THE WELL- [theWellatSTSA.com](http://theWellatSTSA.com)

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# *Intercessory Prayer*



*Prayer is not an act we do, but rather it is our home – the place we meet God. In order to have intimacy in that home, we must make sure that it is built properly.*

**November 17, 2013**

**Part 7**

***"If we truly love people, we will desire for them far more than it is within our power to give them. This will lead us to intercessory prayer."***

## **I. THE NEED TO INTERCEDE**

*"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit." James 5:16-18*

**We can make \_\_\_\_\_!**

## **II. THE DUTY TO INTERCEDE**

*"So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel on the breastplate of judgment over his heart, when he goes into the holy place, as a memorial before the Lord continually... So Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel over his heart before the Lord continually." Exodus 28:29-30*

*"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you." 1 Samuel 12:23*

*"you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5*

**Old Testament: duty belongs to \_\_\_\_\_**

**New Testament: duty belongs to \_\_\_\_\_**

## **III. THE INVITATION TO INTERCEDE**

*"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12*

*"But He [Jesus], because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:24-25*

**Intercession = the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus**

## **IV. THE TOOLS TO INTERCEDE**

**A) An Attitude: \_\_\_\_\_**

*"Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart... Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:1, 8*

**B) A System: \_\_\_\_\_**

**C) A Support: \_\_\_\_\_**

***"As members of one Body, each is responsible for the health of the whole Body. We have a duty to defend the life of the Body."***  
***~ Excerpt from Remember Thy First Love***

### **DIY – Do It Yourself Project #7**

Make 3-5 prayer cards of your own. Consider such categories as family, friends, Life Group, co-workers/classmates, non-Christians, suffering people, church leadership, world issues, BIG DREAMS!